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A hand-drawn graph on lined paper showing a linear relationship. The vertical axis is labeled 'y' and the horizontal axis is labeled 'x'. A straight line with a negative slope is drawn, intersecting the y-axis at a point labeled 'b' and the x-axis at a point labeled 'a'. The line is labeled 'y = -mx + b'.

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